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The Opposition was clutching at the fragment of a straw in suggesting that the Government had chosen the 2nd March for the Election date in preference to the 6th April because of the drastic water position facing South Australia, the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

The Government assessed the water situation in September of last year and this assessment revealed a need for a saving of about 8% on anticipated uncontrolled use of water to the end of April. The Government believed that a reduction of 8% could be achieved with the co-operation of the public. This has been done. At the present time we are well within the safe provision of the water supply in South Australia. The co-operation of the public was achieved in the face of criticism from the Opposition that we were gambling with the water supply, said Mr. Dunstan.

The programme has gone entirely according to plan and it is now clear that we will be able to get through this severe summer without restrictions other than the limited restrictions imposed for a short period in areas served by the Warren system and the restrictions at Kimba.

As usual the Leader of the Opposition is making completely unfounded statements in the hope that his knocking the Government might have some political effect.